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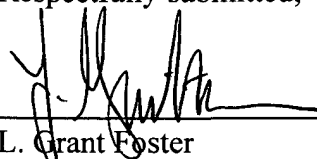
The citation listed on attached PTO Form 1449 may be material to the examination of the subject application. Applicant submits a copy of this reference in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99. The Examiner is requested to review and make this reference of record in the above-referenced application.

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Applicant respectfully requests expeditious examination and a favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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